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Whereas, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

Whereas, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Oklahoma forests and grasslands for decades; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

Row Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2023, as

"Oklahoma Pollinator Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Leal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this Hirty-Rist day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and wanty three, and of the State of Oklahoma in the OVE-YUVINGED AND PIPKENTH, UPON:

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